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The North Texas Euphonium Quartet, which features Bloomington-Normal native Vince Kenney, will present a guest recital at Illinois Wesleyan. The quartet will perform Sept. 20 at 7:30 p.m. in Westbrook Auditorium of Presser Hall.

Ensemble members are University of North Texas (UNT) doctoral candidates studying under Brian Bowman at UNT College of Music. Members include Kenney, Irving Ray, Danny Chapa and Chris McGinty.

As individual artists, members of the quartet have earned master's degrees at UNT and performed at national and international competitions and conferences. Prior to his doctoral-level studies, Kenney graduated from Normal West High School and earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Illinois-Urbana Champaign. His most influential teachers include Mark Moore, Bowman and Ed Risinger, a professor of music at Illinois Wesleyan. Kenney studied under Risinger for six years while attending junior high and high school.



From left, ensemble members Vince Kenney, Irving Ray, Danny Chapa and Chris McGinty

Formed in 2012, the quartet is an active young chamber ensemble that is dedicated to the advancement of the euphonium. Risinger, who has seen the quartet perform multiple times, said they are “absolutely amazing.” In addition to performing at universities across the United States, The North Texas Euphonium Quartet has commissioned and performed works written specifically for the ensemble and promoted educational outreach with younger euphonium players.

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